

Wafa Abdin

Education:

Wafa Abdin graduated from the University of Houston with a J.D., and also holds a Masters Degree from Lamar University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature.

Professional Activities:

Ms. Abdin is the supervising attorney at Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance at Catholic Charities. Her staff consists of two staff attorneys, four accredited representatives, two caseworkers, and two administrative assistants. Ms. Abdin represents low-income and indigent Immigrants in removal proceedings and assists them in filing for asylum, VAWA, NACARA, citizenship, and family petitions before the Citizenship and Immigration Service of the Department of Homeland Security, the Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration appeals. Among her clients are detained adults and juveniles and victims of crime seeking immigration benefits. Ms. Abdin gives rights presentations to the public, both on site at Catholic charities and off site at schools, community centers, and hospitals. Ms. Abdin is a frequent lecturer at Immigration conferences and trainings. She has written several articles and papers on Immigration law topics, including: Asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, "U" visa, and Types of Immigration relief available for unaccompanied minors.

Professional and Civic Organizations

Ms. Abdin is actively involved in numerous boards and committees including: National Child Welfare Advisory Board, Mayors Committee of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (MACIRA), Detention Watch Network Steering Committee, and the planning committee for the State Bar Texas Immigration Seminar. She serves as the Chair of the Legal and Government Relations subcommittee. She is a member of the Citizenship and Immigration Service Roundtable, the Citizenship Coalition, and the Coalition Against Trafficking, The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She is an active member of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC). She serves on the Board of the Arab American Community Center. She also was a board Member of the Texas Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Scholarly Work:

Ms. Abdin has written several

Paradox Form, Meaning, and Effect in Salman Rushdie's "Satanic Verses."

Unpublished master's thesis, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX.

"Problems and Issues in Multiculturalism." Presented paper at the 1994 meeting of the Philological Association of Louisiana.

The Ski-Hi Manual for Communication Disorders.